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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re Application of : March 15, 2005  
P. Droz, et al : Group Art No.: 2665  
Serial No. 09/898,870 : Examiner: Thien Tran  
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Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR  
PROCESSING DATA PACKETS

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time for response for a period of one month. The period for response to the Office Action dated December 14, 2004 for the above-identified patent application will now expire on April 14, 2005.

A check in the amount of \$120.00 is enclosed for the one month extension.

Respectfully submitted,  
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